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SUBJECT: MAJOR EXPORT PROJECT: SUBMARINE POWER

TRANSMISSION CABLE

1. PROJECT TITLE: SUBMARINE POWER TRANSMISSION CABLE.

2. DESCRIPTION: DESIGN, MANUFACTURE AND INSTALLATION OF 100 MEGAWATT POWER TRANSMISSION CABLE UNDER THE NORTHUMBERLAND STRAIT BETWEEN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND AND THE MAINLAND. ALTERNATE ROUTES ARE A 10 MILE ROUTE FROM BORDEN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND TO TORMENTINE, NEW BRUNSWICK AND A 14 MILE ROUTE FROM WOOD ISLAND, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND TO PICTOU, NOVA SCOTIA. BURIAL OF THE CABLE WITHIN THE SEABED WILL BE REQUIRED TO REDUCE HAZARD FROM SHIFTING WINTER ICE, SCALLOP DRAGGERS, AND SHIPPING. FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND PREPARATION OF TENDER PACKAGE ARE COMPLETED. DECISION ON ROUTE IS YET TO BE MADE.

3. ESTIMATED TOTAL COST IS C15.4 MILLION DOLLARS (1973 DOLLARS).

4. THE PROVINCE HAS OBTAINED A COMMITMENT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR A GRANT OF 75 PER CENT OF THE CABLE COST UP TO A MAXIMUM OF C12 MILLION DOLLARS. REMAINING COSTS ARE TO BE FINANCED BY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND IT MAY, IF NEEDED, RESORT TO INTERNATIONAL BOND

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5. ENGINEERING STUDIES AND PREPARATION OF TENDERS WAS DONE BY MONTREAL ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED, MONTREAL, CANADA.

6. SPECIFICS ON THE EQUIPMENT TO BE PROCURED ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO THIS OFFICE AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, THE PROJECT WILL REQUIRE EITHER 4 SINGLE-PHASE CABLES OR 2 THREE-PHASE CABLES OVER WHICHEVER ROUTE IS CHOSEN.

7. CALLS FOR TENDER HAVE BEEN MADE TO POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS.

8. DEADLINE FOR BID OPENING IS SEPTEMBER 19, 1974. PROJECT COMPLETION IS TARGETED FOR MID-1976.

9. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, PROVINCE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. THE PROVINCE WILL OWN THE CABLE, DISTRIBUTION OF THE POWER WILL BE MARITIME ELECTRIC COMPANY, LTD., CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, A SUBSIDIARY OF MONTREAL ENGINEERING.

10. POINTS OF CONTACT: SULO HALME OR A.D. CAMERON, BOTH OF MONTREAL ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED, PLACE BONAVENTURE, MONTREAL, P.Q.

11. COMPETITION: BIDS HAVE BEEN INVITED FROM FIRMS IN NORWAY, SWEDEN, ITALY, FRANCE AND ENGLAND HAVING DEMONSTRATED CAPABILITY IN THIS FIELD.

12. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT US FIRMS ARE NOT AMONG THOSE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING THE REQUIRED CABLE. MONTREAL ENGINEERING HAS INFORMED THIS OFFICE THAT THE US FIRMS DIRECTLY APPROACHED BY THEM HAVE INDICATED INABILITY TO MEET THE SPECIFICATIONS. A GREAT DEAL OF SUBCONTRACT WORK IS EXPECTED AND IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR US FIRMS TO COMPETE IN THIS AREA. HOWEVER, IF ANY US FIRM IS CAPABLE OF MEETING THE SPECIFICATIONS

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IT OUGHT SERIOUSLY CONSIDER ENTERING A BID.  
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